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MINUTES

of the

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association

held with

Sulphur Springs Regular Baptist Church

Scott County Miss.
September 17th, 18th, and 19th, 1921

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING:
Hope Well Church Newton County Miss.
Saturday before the Third Lords day in
September 1922

OFFICERS:

Wm. YARBROUGH - - - - - - - - - - - Moderator
Lawrence, Miss.

W. J. McMullan - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Clerk
Newton, Miss.

J. E. Craham - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Treasurer
Decatur, Miss.

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PROCEEDINGS

of the Eighty-fourth Annual Session of the Mt. Pisgah Association of Regular Baptist Held with Sulpher Springs Church, Scott County, Mississippi, September 17---18---19---1921.

Introductory sermon preached by the appointee, Bro. J. S. Laird at 11 A. M; text, Behold the Lamb of God that take away the Sin of the world. The message was forceful and well received by the messengers and congregation. Prayer led by Bro. W. L. Collins after which adjourned until 1:30 P. M. for refreshments.

After a bountiful repast, at the call of the Moderator at 1:30 the Messengers assembled in the house. Prayer led by Bro. H. O. White.

Moderator declared the Association ready for business. Motion carried that the Association adopt the work of the Clerk already done, enrolling the Messengers.

Finance Committee Appointed---J. R. Sansing, J. I. Robinson, J W. Williams,

Roll of Messengers called as follows:

Beulah--J. E. Graham, J. A. Chaney, L. B. Harrison, H. O. White.

Beat Line:--

Cross Roads:--Joel Thornton, George Amis, M. F. Mann.

County Line:---J. R. Sansing.

Cedar Grove:---W. L. Gibbs, E. Wedgeworth.

Dixon:--J. E. Dearing, Ira Louis.

Ebenezer:---E. M. Nelson, J. I. Robinson.

Eperus:---G. W. Gardner, Billie Gardner.

Good Hope:---Lee Graham, E. Waltman, J. C. Stroud

Hopewell:--J. W. Williams.

High Hill:---M. F. Brewer, J. J. Jennings, L. Commans.

Hazel:---J. H. Satterfield, L. G. Simmons.
Hebron:---W. H. Rainer, J. S. Laird, M. R. Jones.
Little Rock:---J. J. Smith, W. M. White.
Lawrence:---G. F. Williams.
Midway:---W. J. McMullin, R. M. McMullan.
New Prospect:---P. H. Savell, E. B. Bysom.
New Providence;---by letter.
New Ireland:---W. P. Gordan, W. O. Hunter.
Oak Grove:---W. W. Rucker, W. G. Foster.
Poplar:---L. F. Milling, C. M. Addy.
Pinkney: ---Carl Gordan, J. V. Gordan.
Pine Bluff:---A. M. Volentine, J. H. Hollingsworth.
Pine Ridge:---J. M. McGee, N. V. Harrison.
Pleasant Ridge:---H. P. Everett, H. M. Thorn-
Pleasant Hill:---J. H. Bishop, J. H. Wilson, W. W. Adams.
Providence:---S. E. Alexander, A. J. Johnson.
Rock Hill:---by Letter.
Sulpher Springs:---Sam McDill, T. D. Anderson.
Sand Springs:---W. H. Scoggins.
Sardis:---Jim Finley, Pink Mosley, Clyde Johnson.
Union:---R. M. Beasley, Carl Bassett.

Motion carried that we elect the old officers by acclamation amended by W. J. McMullan to elect by ballot, amendment lost. W. M. Yarbrough elected Moderator, J. E. Graham, Treasurer, W. J. McMullan Clerk.

Correspondence called for from Sister Associations:--Louisville Association, W. L. Grafton; Wayne County Association, E. Brooks; Neshoba County Association, F. M. Breland, E. C. Hendrix; Pearl Valley W. Savell; Newton County W. R. Moore, W. L. Collins, I. A. Haley, W. N. McLemore.

Statement of work done since last session of the Association made by the Clerk, received and further consideration postponed until Monday eve.

Committee on preaching:--W. W. Adams, G. F. Williams with Deacons and Pastor of Sulpher Springs Church.

State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches:---W. J. McMullan, H. O. White.

Christian Education:---R. M. McMullan, E. Brooks, G. M. May.

Sunday School:-- G. M. May, W. R. Moore, R. M. Beasley.

Hospitals:---W. H. Rainer, F. M. Breland, Jim Finley.

Orphanage:---E. W. Breland, W. L. Collins, J. R. Sansing.

Missions:---R. K. Cleveland, G. F. Williams.

Temperance:- -M. M. McMullan, Joel Thornton, H. P. Everett, N. V. Harrison.

Obituaries: --J. W. Satterfield.

Queries and request:---J. E. Graham, H. O. White, E. M. Nelson, G. Gardner.

Committee on State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence read by Chairman W. J. McMullan. See report No. 2 Discussed by W. J. McMullan, R. K. Cleveland, W. H. Rainer, J. W. Satterfield, E. Brooks, W. L. Grafton, J. E. Graham, adopted as read.

Committee on Preaching reports, see report No 1.

The body adjourned for the day.

SUNDAY MORNING

Prayer service led by E. C. Hendrix at 10:30 A. M. At 11 A. M. W. H. Rainer preached in the house, Lesson read John 15 c; text "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you that ye should go and bring forth fruit." W. L. Collins preached at the stand at the same hour, text from 55 c. Isiah "Christ the sinners substitute." The sermon was strong and well received by the Messengers and congregation. A collection was taken for Missions

at the close of the service.

After a bountiful repast furnished by the community the Sunday School work was taken up at 2 P. M. Bro. W. R. Moore was in charge of this hours work. The regular Sunday School report was read by Chairman of the Committee G. M. May and was discussed by Bros. G. M May, E. Brooks, J. R. Sansing, H. M. Thorn, R. K. Cleveland, C. C. Evans, W. J. McMullan, report adopted, see No. 3.

Adjourned to Monday A. M.

MONDAY A. M. 8 O'CLOCK

Moderator called the body to order and read Scriptural lesson, Luke 2 C.; after prayer, declared the body ready for work.

Roll of Messengers called and corrected. Bros. I. A. Hailey and W. N. McLemore were enrolled as messengers from Newton County Association.

Messengers to the General Association called for and enrolled as follows; G. M. May, J. H. Satterfield, J. A Crawford, E, W. Breland, H. O. White, W. H. Rainer, R. K. Cleveland, J. S. Laird, W. M. Yarbrough, W. L. Collins, R. M. McMullan, H. P. Everett, G. F. Williams, H. M. Thorn, M. R. Jones, G. W. Gardner, J. M. McGee, N. V. Harrison, Lee Graham, C. C. Evans, A. M. Volentine, E. M. Nelson, A. J. Johnson, L. H. Alexander, M. F. Mann, W. J. McMullan.

Messengers to Oktibbeha Association:—J. S. Laird, M. R. Jones, C. H. Crawford.

Motion carried that any member in good standing of this Association be authorized to represent this body in local Associations and to the State Convention. Bro. R. K, Cleveland elected to go to the Southern Baptist Convention, and all messengers requested to report to their churches urging that they send a contribution to

our Treasurer J. E. Graham for the purpose of helping pay Bro. Clevelands expenses to the Convention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CALLED FOR

Missions:---Report by R. K. Cleveland adopted see No 4, discussed by R. K. Cleveland, H. O. White, W. H. Rainer, I. A. Hailv, W. J. McMullan J. H. Satterfield. Motion carried that all speeches be limited to five minutes.

Queries and Request read by H. O. White adopted see No. 5

Orphanage:---Read by E. W. Breland No. 6, discussed by Breland and McLemore.

Temperanc : --Read by W. J. McMullan see No. 7, discussed by J. H. Satterfield.

Christian Education.---Read by R. M. McMullan see No. 8 discussed by R. M. McMullan, I. A. Hailev.

Baptist Hospitals:---Read by W. H. Rainer see No. 9 adopted without discussion.

Publication:--Read by W. Grafton see No. 10 adopted.

W. M. U:--Read by T. A. Sims see No. 11 adopted.

Nominations:---Read by J. E. Graham see No. 12 adopted.

Obituaries:--Read by J. H. Satterfield see No. 13 adopted.

Adjourned for refreshments until 1 P. M.

At 1:15 P. M. Association Reconvened

Financial Report:--Read by J. R. Sansing see No 14 adopted as read.

Report of the Clerk on the Status of the Churches: Read and adopted.

Motion carried that a committee be appointed to arrange the Sunday School work in the Association, Territory Committee, R. K. Cleveland, G. M. May, T. A. Sims W. H. Rainer, C. C. Evans, J. W. Anderson.

Motion carried that we rescind the resolution authorizing the Clerk to write letters of dismission to churches while in vacation

RESOLUTION

1. That the clerk be instructed to have the proceedings of this meeting printed where he can get the work most neatly and promply done, paying for same, when so done and approvd by him, and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for distribution.

2. That all money on hand for the orphanage be sent direct to the Babtist Orphanage at Jackson Miss., by O. K. of the treasurer, and all funds on hand after the expense of this association have been met, be sent to the General Asscciation.

3. That we extend our sincere thanks to Sulphur Springs church and the entire community for their kind and generous enter ainment of the assocition.

4. That we now adjourn to meet with Hope Well church two miles East of Little Rock Newton Co. Saturday before the 3rd. Lord's Day in September 1922.

While singing "Sweet By-and-By," the parting hand was given and a fervent prayer led by Bro I. A. Bailey in behalf of the body and its work, closed a harmonious session of the association.

WM. Yarbrough, Moderator.
W. J. McMullan, Clerk.

STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE, RFBORT NO 2

Through the mercies of Divine Providence the Mt. Pisgah Association of Regular Baptist is holding her 84th annual cession with Sulphur Springs Church Scott Co. we greet the Messengers and Brethren in christian love and fellowship. The preaching has been sound and edifying The churches have all had preaching this year, and are represented by messengers or by letter. The minutes

will show the work of the churches as reported.

To say what the state of religion is in our country would be a difficult thing to do. We fear that we the Regular Baptist are not as vigilent as in former years, the churches are not as strict in deciplin and the requirements for church membership as in the past, and we are not having the increase of strong, active and efficient members we once had. We are too easily compromised with the world thereby letting down the standard of christianity, in some instances baptist laymen and ministers do and say things that highclass worldlians will not stoop to do, in this we loose our savor of life unto life, for we have our light under a bushel.

Brethern be courageous, be vigilant, be about the Fathers business, demand a pure gospel, the whole truth, for nothing else will fill the New Testament requirment of our Lord and Master.

The Saviors injunction to the Jews was search the Scriptures (John 5 39) and the reason he assigns is just as forcible to us as to them for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me. Where shall we look for eternal life but to the Word of God. The proof is abundant establishing the fact that Jesus is the Christ, and pointing all men to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. The concluding exhortation of the Apostle Peter is grown in Grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior [2 Peter 3: 18]. To obtain this knowledge we are exhorted by Paul to take the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God (Eph 6-17). The church was early urged to contend earnestly for the Faith which was once delivered unto the Saints (Jude 3). The testamony of Paul even in his day, there were many unruly, vain talkers and deceivers whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses (Titis 1; 10, 11) If the depravity of the human heart and the darkness of the mind were so great while the witnesses of the Lords life, death and resurrection, were still living and testifying for him is it not a

fact. Now that we should be wide awake and contending for the truth. This responsibility rest equally on the ministers and laymen, the exortation of Jude was addressed to them that are sanctified by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ.

The body of the church must be kept sound and the ministers hands held up. Now as in the Apostles time ministers sometimes teach things that they ought not. Therefore you should study the Word, and try the preaching, and all church work by the New Testamemt square, and if it won't square by that rule then reject it.

W. J. McMullan. Char.

REPORT OF CLFRK FOR 1921

To the messengers representing the Mt. Pisgah Association. At your last meeting there were 47 churches represented one failed to report for 1920, 6 churches at that time ask for letters of dismission to join the Neshoba County Association, since last meeting 10 Newton County churches have withdrawn and organized the Newton County Association, one church of Scott County has with drawn to join Scott County Association.

Communicants going with Newton county churches about 1200

Communicants going with other churches about 424

The number left in Mt. Pisgah Association about 2215

The churches leaving the Mt. Pisgah association are: one church from Scott county five from Neshoba County and ten from Newton, leaving in Newton County twenty two churches or leaving in the Mt. Pisgah association 32 churches at this meeting.

As you know at your last meeting there was a resolution offered by Bro. Gunn and duly passed authorized your clerk to write letters of dismission in vacation to churches going into the organization of county association This order I thought at that time was for the churches then asking to be dismissed to go into the Neshoba

county association(and numbers of other brethren thought the same thing.) In a short time after your adjournment there was a call made for all Newton county churches to meet at Mt. Pleasant church for the purpose of considering the advisability of organizing a Newton county association signed by W. H. Thompson. W. H. Harrison F. W Gunn and W. N. McLemore. The Mt. Pisgah association not having a legal head while in vacation I began asking the brethren from different churches if they would respond to the call to that question I got divers answers, being an officer and feelieg an interest in the well-fare of the churches, I as an individual attended the meeting. There were 11 Mt. Pisgah churches represented all were invited to take part, Bros. C, O. Crane W. L. Rinson and I took part in the discussion, advising that action be postponed until the next meeting of the Mt. Pisgah association pleading that the churches did not understand the proposition and we believed it best to wait until the churches could come together again, Bro. Gunn stated that they organize if they had as many as four churches, organize along progressive lines, intimated that the churches failing to join would go like the Hardshells. A committee on constitution, articles of faith and by laws was appointed on this committee your clerk was strenously urged to act but refused stating that he could not betray the trust of his people there was a prominant part taken in this meeting by parties not resident or citizens of Newton County in fact the Bona fide preachers of the county were few. The meeting adjourned to meet at Decatur the fifth Sunday in May. I attended the Decatur meeting and gave some little council in the organization. The organization was completed by the adoption of the article of faith, decorum, and the constitution, after a change of the latter part of article 4 as follows:--Article IV. The purpose of this Association shall be to enlist, combine and direct the energies of the sisterhood of churches in helping to carry out the

program and policy of the Southern Baptist Convention. changed to leave out combine, and insert New Testament in place of Southern Babtist Convention. Since the organization of the County Association there has been a wrong conception or a false statement of facts I have been asked if the Mt Pisgah has been disolved, or if all Newton County churches had gone into the new organization. I here state that I wrote letters of dismission for ten Newton County churches. I submit this statement of facts that you may know what has been done, and your status of today.

As I understand it, the purpose of the County Association is to put on the work of the State Convention, demanding that all money be sent direct to the State Secretary, and there divided as per the State program which is as follows. Foreign Missions 16 percent; State Missions 19 percent; Christian Education 24 percent; Hospitals 5 3-10 percent; Orphanage 3 percent; Ministerial Relief 1 4-10 percent; State-wide objects 4 percent; General objects 1 8-10 percent. At our last Association Dr. Lawrence said on Sunday in his address to the Association, that there would be a Missionary put in every county in the State and then a Supervisor to each district of 14 counties. Now this allotment of work at a minimum expense per worker would reach about $100-000 overhead expense before you get to the regular line of mission work, with obedience to you my brethern of Mt Pisgah Associotion, and with charity for the Newton County Association, I have thus reputed.

W. J. McMullan, Clerk.

MISSION REPORT

FOREIGN MISSIONS

No commandment is more authoritative than to go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Also we should be witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth. This is the specific business of every follower

of Jesus Christ and is sufficient authority for every one to lay himself out in the Masters cause. The Foreign Mission work is under the supervision of the Foreign Mission Board located at Richmond, Va. The work on the field is done by men and women who have given evidence of their fitness for the work and heard the Macedonia cry to come over and help us.

The best source of information at our command say we now have more than 540 organized churches on the Foreign field, more than 7000 baptisms. Their membership numbers 60,000 and that they are giving liberally to the spead of the gospel. A number of medical missionaries are on the field administering to their physical needs and by so doing are gaining the confidence of the people and patients then administering to their spiritual needs. A number of new missionaries have been sent out this year.

HOME MISSIONS

This work is supervised and carried on by the Home Mission Board located at Atlanta, Ga. Needy fields are thus reached and large numbers are brought into the churches every year by the aid of liberal giving hence we commend it to the churches.

STATE MISSIONS

This work in our part of the State is done and is under the supervision of the General Association and its Board, and consist in supplementing destitute places where there is no regular preaching of the gospel, and supplement pasters salaries when churches are not able to have preaching without aid, and in assisting in building church houses.

All missions rest upon State Missions. If our home work is strong we have a foundation on which to build we can then reach out a helping hand to those in need beyond our own border. First of all may we develop ourselves at home that we may see clearly the

needs of the General Association, to do a great work we must be sure that the churches provide the means.

R. K. Cleveland, Ch.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT NO. 3.

Your Committee Reports we would emphasize the great fact that Sabboth Schools are of much more importance than generally construed by the masses, and we deem it very important that each church have a regular organized Sunday School, a little more than one hundred years ago, there was not a Sunday School in the world. The first one being organized by Robert Raiker in England in 1784. At present there are over 300,000 such schools we are glad to note that we are making progress in the Mt Pisgah Association. Last year 46 churches reported 21 Sunday Schools, 130 teachers, 1,161 pupils At this meeting 32 churches report 21 schools, 109 teachers and 941. pupils. With the splendid progress of the past and the mighty endowment of the present we face a bright future.

We have on the foreign field at present 907 schools with 41,927 pupils. When we consider the percentage of increase during the past, we are awed in contemplation of our responsibility and opportunity, we feel very grateful to our brethern and sisters who are helping advance the great work.

Submitted G. M. May, Chairman.

ORPHANAGE

There are in our orphanage at Jackson 153 children, no more are being received now, because of a scarcity of funds during the summer months, until recently the Orphanage has had ample support.

The health of the children has been excellent, there has been but one death in about six years. This is remarkable when it is remembered that this includes the influenzia period. Dr. Carter states that the religious condition in the Orphanage is good. The church to which the Superintendent and the other members of the Orphanage belongs subscribed two thirds more to the campaign than they were asked for, and they had paid every cent for the first two years. The children are all in Sunday School The Superintendent has kept a line on every one who has been cared for, and says that every one is making a good citizen. It is urged that all the churches send in such things in the nature of foods and clothing as they can spare. They can use any good clothing and good food.

There is in every State, cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention, at least one Baptist Orphanage, and one in the District of Columbia, and in Texas and Kentucky there are two each; thus making 21 in the south. Our own orphanage at Jackson has received from the 75,000,000 campaign the sum of 42,000, 6,000 have been used in repair work. In addition to this a new building will soon be under construction. The girls are trained to do house work and the boys to do farm and other work.

Submitted E. W. Breland, Chairman.

BAPTIST HOSPITALS

We find in the south 17 Hospitals under direct denominational ownership, and control, three others operated by Baptist Doctors or Cooperations; 7 additional ones are under construction by Baptist of our State, approximately $1,558,000 has been received by the Institution in the past two years, the improvements are valued at $2,125.700. An indebtedness of $435,000 has been paid, and $40,500 added to the endowment fund in the past year. The valuation of Hospital property has increased owing to enlargement and new ones being erected from $3,614,000 to $6,240,000, and we expect an additional value of $4,000,000 within the next year to the Hospital property. In 1920 Southern Baptist Hospitals treated 46,000 patients. Our Hospital at Jackson, Miss. for year ending Aug. 1, 1921 treated 1,107 patients, 161 of these were charity patients, the amount of this charity work was $5,283.90. The Hospitals now have a capacity of 50 beds, whereas in 1910 it was 10 or 12. Since the opening of the Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis in 1912, 45,100 patients have been admitted, and for 1920, 7,619 were admitted and for June 30, 1921 the number was 3,836. During 1920 $57,000 was spent in charity, business in operating the Hospital $372,000. Service rendered preachers and their dependents for the last 10 months $4,000. The Baptist of the 3 States owning and operating the Hospitals may well rejoice in the work they are doing for the relief and healing of the sick and the promotion

of the Masters Kingdom. It should be a joy to help meet the subscriptions made to the Hospitals. We Baptist should make our Hospitals second to none in the State.

Submitted W. H. Rainer, Chairman.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There are two kinds of universities, books and hard-knocks. They sre necessary one to the other, a course in each is necessary to do anything worth while. In other words we must think or study hard and then make some hard licks to work out the things that has been thought out.

Now surely if every other phase of lifes activities has its schools to conserve and educo or draw out, the very best there is in mens being for the use of that particular profession, surely christian workers ought and can not afford not to have their schools to especially conserve and draw out the very best there is in the life of themselves, and the communicants to be gotten out of them for the vorl ls use and good. If you will think, I think you will see it is our duty to do no less.

Then too christian schools, and schools under positive christian influence are needed to make up for or offset the lack or a positive christian, and sometimes may be moral atmosphere in State supported schools.

All the Baptist schools in Mississippi are prospering so far as we know. Mississippi Womans College, Mississippi College, Blue Mountain and Clark College had 50 percent larger opening enrollment than last year.

Study to show thyself approved whatever this may mean. Let us consider and study, and educo (draw out) what there is to draw out the very best there is to draw out, some way or another. whatever we have to do get it out let us do it. The best can be used, and is not too good to be used in the cause of God and righteousness.

Let us draw out and use that we have.

R. M. McMullan, Chairman.
Earl Brooks, G. M. May

PUBLICATIONS

We recommend first that the Bible be read in the homes. Paul said Timothy study to show thyself approved of God. David said, Thy word have I hid in my heart Next we the Baptist Record, Home and Foreign Fields, Royal Service, Orphanage Gem and the Baptist Book Store. The Baptist Book Stand is another agency under the head of Publication which is striving to give to our people a choice line of reading matter.

In addition to the above, we have distributed many thousand tracts along all lines of our denominational work, and we urge our pastors to secure these tracts and distribute them among their people. The circulating Library is allready reaching many readers. People have been very generous in contributing books and money for this cause. We urge our people to patronize our denominational papers and book stores. We as pastors and parents must look after the literature that our people read. It is said that Dr. Gambel attributed his life work to the reading of a twenty cent book when he was a boy.

J. S. Laird, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE REPORT NO. 7

Temperance means moderation of the appetites and passions, or restrained indulgence.

As usually considered temperance means the prohibition of the sale of whiskey. Our state has all the statuatory law necessary to prohibit the sale and use of whiskey and norcotics, and this is strengthened by a Federal statute regulating the manufactory and sale of the different Spiritous and Venomous drugs, yet the problem is not solved. We now have the illicit distillries scattered all over our country. Then we have the abominable and

fashionable soft drink stands in all the drug stores, and other fashionable resorts, as between the two its hard to tell which will eventully do the greatest harm to rhe human family. It is lamentable that christians patronize these evils, certainly no thoughtful baptist will do so. Then there is the cigarette fiend that certianly should have due consideration, at least they should be pitied, and with shame fac-ed-ness we come to the style of dress now being used by the females of our country. Brother baptist get on the right side of these great and important questions, and live the life that Christ will approve at his coming,

Submitted M. M. McMullan, Chairman
N. V. Harrison, H. P. Everett

REPORT NO. 11.

Committed on Preaching Sunday

To conduct prayer service Sunday 10 A. M. E Brooks W. H. Rainer to preach in the church 11 o'clock A. M. W. L. Collins to preach at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M. W. L. Grafton to preach at the stand at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

Sunday School report in the house at 2:30 P. M. lead by W. R. Moore followed by a free discussion.

G. F. Williams, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS REPORT NO. 12

Committee on Nominations recomend that Bro. E. W. Breland, preach the next introductory sermon. Bro. J. W. Satterfield be his alternate, and G. M. May preach the next annual sermon on missions and Bro. Yarbrough his alternate.

J. E. Graham, Chairman.

CHAIRMAN TO WRITF REPORTS FCR 1922.

STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL

Correspondence:—R. K. Cleveland.
Missions:— W. H. Rainer.
Sunday School:—M. M. McMullan.

Orphanage:—J H. Saterfield.
Baptist Hospitals:—H. O. White.
Temperance:—R. M. McMullan.
W. M. U:—Mrs. Lula Sadler.
Christian Education:—T. A. Sims.
Publications:—H. C. Rush.
Nominations:—J. E. Graham.
Queries and Request:—W. L. Robinson.

FINANCE REPORT NO. 14

Your committee on finance have examined the treasure books and find that he received - - $149.45
Paid out all purposed - - - - - - 147.05
to balance - - - $ 2.40
Received for S. B. Convention delegate - - 5.57
Total balance on hand - - 7.97
Received from churches this meeting - - $63.20
Sundays collection - - - - - - - 29.56
Grand total - - $100.73

J. R. Sansing, Chairman
J. I. Robinson, J. W. Williams.

QUERIES AND REQUEST

Committee on queries and request report we find one church Union, Scott County, asking for a letter of dismission, and recommend that their request be granted. We find ten churches Pinkney, Sand Springs, Hopewell Good Hope, New Ireland, High Hill, Poplar, Ephesus, Ebenezer and Cross Roads asking that we meet with them in 1922. We recommend that the body meet with Hopewell in 1922.

We find this querie.

Is it right for a Baptist preacher to have a regular school house appointment in the territory of a regular organized Baptist church using the same day and hour that the church has used for 40 years thereby interfering with the church congregation.

We think it a matter that should be settled among yourselves. Our answer is no.

Submitted, H. O.White, G. W. Gardner
E. M. Nelson, J. E. Graham, Committee.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

MINISTERS	POST OFFICE
R. K. Cleveland	Little Rock Miss.
T. A. Sims	" " "
W. H. Rainer	" " "
J. S. Laird	" " "
H. O. White	" " "
J. A. Gardner	Dixon "
W. M Yarbrough	Lawrence "
G. M May	" " "
J. H. Satterfield	" " "
R. M. McMullan	Newton "
E. D. Wedgeworth	" "
E. W. Breland	Haze "
L. Commans	Dixon "
C. A Crawford	Decatur "

LICENTIATES	POST OFFICE
G. W. Brantley	Walnut Grove Miss.
J. M. Williams	Newton "
H. L. Walden	Duffee "

W. M. U.

The W. M. U. is one of the strongest auxiliaries to the churches of Christ, through this orgnization the Kingdom work has been greatly broadened and strengthened. Jesus while on earth never did call women to preach, but gave them some part in the great work Mark 16:7 and other places that we might mention where he gave women work to do, and we are glad to report that they have gloriously carried out their part of the work, as to the

work in our association we are short as to organization in our churches. We your committee recommend the organization of a W. M. U. in every church in our association.

Submitted T. A. Sims R. C. Gordon

OBITUARIES

Your committee finds that in the past year God has called a number of brethren and sisters to that upper and better world among them are Bros. D. Robinson W. H. Ishee, E. McBeth, H. C. Germany, B. J. Stuart, Roy Ishee Joe Bullard E. Russell. Sisters Maud Graham Cassie Gardner Paralee Edwards, Birdie Merchant, Fannie McNight, Adaline StokesEiza Westerfield,

Submitted J. H. Satterfied J. M. NcGee

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall consist of messenger chosen by the churches to which they respectfully belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such messengers shall be members in good standing and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the association.

3. They shall produce letters specifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, recieved by letter, restored, dismissed excommunicated and deceased, during the proceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This association shall have a moderater, clerk and treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association. untill a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices. Provided that no one shall hold the office of moderator for more than four consecu

tive terms.

5. It new churches desire to be admitted into the association they shall petition by letter and messenger and if orthodox and orderly. shall be recieved and the moderator shall recognize them by giving their messenger the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two messengers and no more, untill her number shall be one hundred; three messengers un'ill it shall exceed one hundred and fifty; then four and no more.

7. The association shall neither answer nor debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8 Every motion made in order and seconded shall be reduced to writing, if requested by anv member, and shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. A motion made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minute unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderater. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then, without lease of the association.

13 The moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken for the whole body, which shall be declared without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the moderator shall vote as any other member when the question is taken: and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the association, and if not then decided, the moderator shall then proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of messengers shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be carefully read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall open with prayer.

23. The rules of order shall be distinctly read by order from the moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subjected to alteration or amendment by any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH--PREAMBLE

We, the messengers of regular Baptists churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptised upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost the same in essence, equal in power and

glory.

2 We believe in the Scriptures of the old and new Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his orignal rectitude, and in him, all his posterity in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature consequently the Scriptural doctrine to the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love; that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling being justified alone through righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man---the man Jesus---who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath by his most precious blood, become the end of the Law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is Gods appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth--that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9 We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgement and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER

1 We believed the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a pro-

fession of faith, and who have given themselves to our Lord; and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly decipline agreeable to the teaching of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of his Church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3 We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4 We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lords Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of Regular Baptist ministers.

5 We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6 We believe that none but regularly baptized church members havea right to partake of the Lords Supper.

7 We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8 We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an endependent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may with draw from any church which may hold faulse doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2 The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them, if possible; to give the churches the best advice it can in difficult matters, when solicited, and in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3 With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we d

sire it to be the inalienable rights of every Association of every church of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their consciences; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And an motion whereby the rights is called in question shall instantly be ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional

4 This Association may maintafn a friendly correspondence with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5 Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not messengers, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6 The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they deem necessary.

7 The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8 The Association shall keep a record of the proceeding, and have them printed when necessary.

9 The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10 The Association shall form their own By-Laws and regulate their own proceeding in such a manner as they may think expedient.

Church	County	Clerk	Post Office	Pastor	Post Office	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Rec'd on statement	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Erased	Dead	Total	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Number Minutes	Time of Meeting	Non-Residents	Unknown Members
Beulah	Newton	J. E. Graham	Decatur	R. L. Breland	Philadelphia	5	8		1	10	1		1	205	3			4		
Beat Line	"	H. F. Allgood	"																	
Cross Roads	"	M. F. Mann	"	J. E. Chapman	Newton	13	5			1			2	79				3		
County Line	Neshoba	S. M. Sansing	Union	J. S. Laird	Decatur	3	2			4				30			13	4		
Cedar Grove	Newton	W. S. Gibbs	Newton	G. M. May	Lawrence		3			8	3			21			13	1		
Dixon	Neshoba	J. H. Germany	Philadelphia	R. D. Pearson		9	7			2	1			92				4		
Ebenezer	Newton	J W. Richardson	Lawrence	R. K. Cleveland	Decatur	9	5	1		1			1	74				3	4	
Ephesus	Scott	J. D. Myer	Forest	W M Yarbrough	Lawrence					2	3			68		1	11	4		
Good Hope	"	T. E. Davis	Lake	G. M. May	"	8	8	2		10				108				2		2
Hopewell	Newton	J B Williamson	Little Rock	W. L. Collins	Union	9			2	9			2	137		1	20	3		
Hizle	"	H. C. Rush	Lake	F. M. Breland	Philadelphia		4			5	1			111	1		3	2	21	
Hobson	"	M. R. Jones	Union	A. B. Culpepper		22	13	2		1				120	2		14	2	1	
High Hill	Neshoba	L. W. Bruner	Dixon	G. M. May	Lawrence	9	3	1		4	27		1	136	1			3	29	
Little Rock	Newton	J. W. Smith	Little Rock	J. E. Breland						2			1	66				3	5	
Lawrence	"	J. B. Price	Lawrence	L. G. Bassett			3			4				21		1		2		
Midway	"	W. J. McMullan	Newton	Smith	Newton	2						7		23	1		10	3	10	
New Prospect	"	P. H. Savell	Dixon	L. Commins		9		1		7			1	85				2		
New Ireland	"	S. B. Bartoot	Union	W. L. Collins	Union	6				4	1			85			16	2	18	9
NewProvidence	"	F. Lindley	Meehan	J. S. Laird	Decatur	2	1			2	1			42				3	14	
Oak Grove	Neshoba	W. G. Foster	Duffee	J. E. Breland		3	10			3	2			50			15	3		
Poplar	Newton	L. F. Milling	Conehatta	L. Cummins		8								60				4		
Pinkney	"	V. G. Gordan	Union	R. K. Cleveland	Decatur	2	1			4				55				4		
Pine Bluff	"	F L Gibbs	Newton	J. E. Chapman	Newton					4				72			15	4		
Pine Ridge	"	N. V. Harrison	Lawrence	R. K. Cleveland	Decatur		1						1	48			15	4	17	
Pleasant Ridge	"	J. T. Colwell	Decatur	R. C. Folks	So So		6			3			1	84			15	1	17	
Pleasant Hill	"	J E. Bishop	Conehatta	F. M. Breland	Philadelphia	6				13	1		2	124			30	1	17	
Providence	"	E. C. Johnson	Shambersville	C. A. Crawford	Decatur									25				3	3	
Rock Hill	Lauderdale	Lillie Giles	Meehan	R. C. Folks	So So	4	2							73		1		4	16	
Sand Springs	Newton	J. M. Williams	Newton	G. M. May	Lawrence		1			3				63				3	5	
Sulpher Spring	Scott	J. L. Cloud	Conehatta	F. M. Breland			1			3			1	119		1		1		
Sardis	"	S. M. Warren	Sebastopol	R. D. Pearson		26	8	2		2	1			80				4	12	
Union	"	R. M. Beasley	Harpersville	G. O. Parker	Harpersville	6	2		1	2	1	2								

FINANCIAL TABLE

Church	County	Date Organized	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School	Building & Repair	Orphanage	Local Poor	Association Fund	Incidentals	B. Y. P. U.	W. M. U.	Visiting Ministers	Pastor's Salary	Budget	Value Church	Value Church Property
Beulah	Newton	1850					$30 00	$25 00	100 00	$ 4 00				$25 00	$350.0		$1250 00	250 00
Beat Line	"																	
Cross Roads	"	1880	$ 5 00	$ 5 00		$10 00	15 00	7 50		3 00			$ 8 25	32 00	56 00		500 00	60 00
County Line	Neshoba	1860								2 00				17 50			500 00	150 00
Cedar Grove	Newton	1919							9 00	1 20								
Dixon	Neshoba	1898							17 40	1 60	$21 00			28 75	232 50	203 00	1000 00	
Ebenezer	Newton	1873								2 50							500 00	
Ephesus	Scott	1887								1 25							500 00	75 00
Good Hope	"	1886		10 00	$ 6 00	12 00	100 00		25 00	2 50				2 00				
Hope well	Newton	1898								2 50								
Hazle	"	1906								60								
Hebron	"	1886	33 70							2 00								
High Hill	Neshoba									2 00								
Little Rock	Newton	1917								1 50							2000 00	
Lawrence	"	1913								1 50					150 00			500 00
Midway	"	1878	16 00			4 00		2 00	10 00	1 25	1 00			20 00	50 00		1000 00	
New Prospect	"	1855								2 45				20 53	22 00			
New Ireland	"									2 35							2100 00	
New Providence	"	1894					95 00								65 00			
Oak Grove	Neshoba	1902								2 95								
Poplar	Newton									3 00								
Pinkney	"	1847	16 00							1 25				14 00	60 00		400 00	60 00
Pine Bluff	"	1884	5 56	5 56	5 56					3 00				20 00	50 00		1000 00	
Pine Ridge	"									2 00				13 85	75 00			
Pleasant Hill	"		30 00							4 00				20 00	200 00		1000 00	400 00
Pleasant Ridge	"	1904								3 00			$39 85		100 00		750 00	250 00
Providence	"	1920								1 45				25 00	97 00			
Rock Hill	Lauderdale	1920				5 20				1 50								
Sand Springs	Newton									2 00				7 00			525 00	
Sulpher Springs	Scott	1848								1 20				25 00	61 50		750 00	60 00
Sardis	"									4 00				51 00	246 00			
Union	Newton					6 30				2 00				37 85	131 50		2000 00	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Church	Superintendant	Post Office	Secretary	Post Office	No. Teacher	No. Pupils	Average attendance	No. church members	Bap't from school	Kind of literature	No. of Diplomas
Beulah	T. A Sims	Decatur	C. Graham	Decatur	6	73	50			Baptist	
Cross Roads	H. B. Thornton	"	Allie Thornton	Stratton	6	43	25			"	
County Line	J. R. Sansing	Union	Nettie Blalock	Union	5	24				"	
Cedar Grove	W. L. Gibbs	Newton	Miss Brown	Newton	4	25	20			"	
Dixon	Venie Houston	Leader	Sunbeams	Dixon						"	
Good Hope	C Gordy	Lake	Mrs Neil Smith	Lake	6	49	30			"	
Hazle	H. C. Rush	"	J. J. Ware		6	80	50			"	
Hebron	W. D Johnson	Little Rock	Miss May Taylor	Little Rock	6	65	40			"	
High Hill	W. O Hudson	Dixon	L. W. Bruner	Dixon	5	57	25			"	
Little Rock	L. M. Taylor	Little Rock	Annie Harrison	Little Rock	7	50	35			"	
Lawrence	G C Hamilton	Lawrence	Mrs C. Simmon	Lawrence	6	20	15			"	
Midway	W. J. McMullan	Newton	M. McMullan	Newton	3					"	
New Ireland	W. O. Hunter	Union	Burtha Vance	Union	6	60	38			"	
Oak Grove	R. J. Coglan	Duffee	Janie Lowry	Duffee	5	70	30			"	
Pine Bluff	A. M. Valentine	Lawrence	Maggie Wash	Decatur	5	24	14			"	
Pleasant Ridge	M J Scarrough	Decatur	Macie Saddler	Hickory	7	45	20			"	
Pleasant Hill	C. C. Evans	Conehatta	Jocie weaver	Conehatta	5	85	40			"	
Rock Hill	W. L. Martin	Meehan			3	25	20			Union	
Sardis	L. R. Walton	Sebastopol	Bonnie Johnson	Sebastopol	7	45	35			Baptist	
Union	H. Townson	Harpersville	Addie Townson	Harpersville	5	21				"	1
Ebenezer	G. F. Williams	Lawrence	Liddie May	Lawrence	4	50				"	

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Church	Members	Avge. Attendance	Home Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Personal Service	Total	Avge Attendance	President	P. O.	Secretary	P. O.
Pleasant Ridge	8	6					$39.85	6	Mrs. L. Saddler	Hickory	Myrtle Henderson	Hickory
Sardis	31	18						18	Miss L Walton	Sebastopol	Mrs. Jim Finley	Sebastopol
Cross Roads							8 25		Mrs. Thornton	Stratton	Mrs. Emma Willis	Stratton

B. Y. P. U.

Church		P. O.
Dixon	Leader of Junior B. Y. P. U.	Adelle Dearing
Sardis	B. Y. P. U.,	Newly organized

		P. O.
		Philadelphia